



**Meeting
Environmental Advisory Committee
May 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m.**

The following were in attendance:

Staff: Chris Lee
Janice Peyton

Council: Councillor Mark Bagu
Councillor Harry Wells

NPCA: Kerry Royer

Public Members: Ryan Waines
Beth Palma
Jack Hellinga
Paul Ruzycki
George McGibbon
Tim Hoyle

Guest: Darren Platakis, Founder/CEO, Geospatial Niagara
Ohnia:kara Steering Committee

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair George McKibbon called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Tim Hoyle
Seconded by Harry Wells

That the agenda dated March 13, 2019 be accepted as circulated.
CARRIED.

3. Disclosures of Interest

Councillor Wells declared a conflict of interest with respect to item 7 a) Site Alteration Permit, Port Colborne Quarries, as he resides directly in the area affected.

4. Approval / Review of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Tim Hoyle

That the minutes of March 13, 2019 be accepted as written.
CARRIED.

5. Presentation Ohnia:kara Aspiring Global Geopark

The committee received a presentation on the Ohnia:kara Aspiring Geopark from Darren Platakis, Founder/CEO, Geospatial Niagara. A copy of the presentation is attached to the minutes. Darrin responded to comments and questions of committee members.

6. Items Arising from Previous Minutes

a) Recycle Bins

Chris advised that the Region will support 50% of the cost of recycle bins. Application has to be made to the Region. The fee is similar to the recycle bins previously purchased through environmental funds, approximately \$2,000. With a collection fee of approximately \$900./year. 5 bins would cost around \$5,000. Chris suggested sending the application sooner than later, to secure the funding with the Region. Possible bin locations are at intersecting roads on the friendship trail, at the bicycle repair stations (this could be coordinated with the Active Transportation Committee), West Street, Library, Centennial Park, Wyldewood Rd. by the beach and at Sherkston Community Centre.

b) Boulevard Trees

At a previous meeting George advised the committee of a GIS Satellite Imagery forestry software package that can map existing trees. George asked that staff try to access the software to see if it could be made operational for the City.

Chris advised that the next step for this committee is to make a presentation to Council to consider to change the by-law regarding boulevard trees. Council would then refer the request to staff to re-visit the by-law. George suggested the EAC and Active Transportation Committee together prepare a presentation of what makes a walkable street and present to Council, with a motion to consider a change to the by-law regarding boulevard trees. George will organize this with committee members.

c) Air Quality

George provided past history of the involvement he and Jack had with air quality monitoring. George provided monitoring results with

a photo map of the particulate count of Port Colborne. Results show that when it is windy it is very dusty. Trucks increase the numbers substantially. George advised that since he and Jack worked on air quality he has found an Israeli company that operates a live time computerized monitoring system called Breezeometer that is available to the public. This system also has a pollen indicator. George urged members to look up the site for accurate air quality readings.

d) Drainage Superintendent Attendance at a Future Meeting

The Drainage Superintendent will be invited to the next meeting to speak about what the Drainage Act allows with regard to run-off.

e) Roadside Mowing Initiative

Chris provided history and some clarification regarding the roadside mowing initiative. Chris advised that only a slight change of schedule is being requested and that there is no change being requested to the quantity of the cuts, just the timing of the cuts to be later in the Spring and earlier in the Fall. Chris and staff will prepare an information report to Council so that Council can decide if they wish to continue with this initiative. Chris will notify Patty of this. Jack suggested these initiatives be presented to Council by the EAC along with Patty to show support.

7. New/Other Business

a) Site Alteration Permit – Port Colborne Quarries

Jack provided history of Port Colborne Quarries Site Alteration Permit request and the City of Port Colborne Site Alteration By-law. Jack expressed concern of ground contamination in the area and for the known aquifer at Pit 1. Jack commented that he and all of the neighbourhood want the safest of testing of material on the receiving site and at the source sight.

Moved by George McKibbon
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That a list of questions regarding the Port Colborne Quarries Site Alteration be submitted to the City Clerk for Council's consideration and inclusion in the current review process.
CARRIED.

Jack Hellinga and Councillor Wells refrained from voting on this motion.

George will send a draft of the questions to the committee for comment and the final questions will be submitted to Janice to forward to the clerk.

8. Next Meeting/Adjourn

The next EAC meeting will be on July 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Moved by Jack Hellinga
Seconded by Paul Ruzycki

That with no further business to discuss, the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.
CARRIED.